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STIPULATION MOTION AND ORDER TO STAY-1 (No. 3:23-cv-05942-TMC)

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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR WESTERN WASHINGTON AT TACOMA

CHRISTIE MESZLER, an individual,

Plaintiff,

v.

TRUCK INSURANCE EXCHANGE, a foreign insurance company; and FARMERS INSURANCE EXHANCE, a foreign insurance company,

Defendants.

No. 3:23-cv-05942-TMC

STIPULATION AND ORDER TO STAY

NOTE ON MOTION CALENDAR: JANUARY 17, 2024

## **STIPULATION**

Plaintiff Christie Meszler ("Ms. Meszler") and Defendants Truck Insurance Exchange and Farmers Insurance Exchange ("Defendants"), through their respective counsel, stipulate and agree as follows:

1. This is an insurance coverage and bad-faith dispute related to Farmers' obligations for Ms. Meszler's insurance claims arising from a water loss on or around October 24, 2022, at her home located at 1331 Bradley Street, Bremerton, Washington, Kitsap County, Washington (the "Property").

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- 2. The Property is insured under Policy No. 0761590332, with a policy period of August 11, 2022 to August 11, 2023 (the "Policy"). The Policy was issued by Truck Insurance Exchange.
- 3. Ms. Meszler has asserted claims under the Policy related to her personal property, replacement of the Property, and other matters.
- 4. Ms. Meszler's claim is still being adjusted. The parties seek to stay this matter to allow time to explore resolution of Ms. Meszler's claims.
  - 5. Judicial economy is best served by a three-month stay of the proceedings.
- 6. By agreeing to a stay, neither party waives any position they may take in this or in any other declaratory judgment action regarding Ms. Meszler's insurance claims against Defendants arising from the October 24, 2022 water loss at the Property.
- 7. In light of the foregoing, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between counsel for Ms. Meszler and Defendants, that:
  - a. This action is stayed until April 17, 2024.
  - b. The Court will strike the current Initial Disclosure and Joint Status Report and Discovery Plan deadlines.
  - c. Either party may move the Court to terminate the stay upon 14 days' written notice to the other party.
  - d. On or before April 17, 2024, the parties shall file a status report with the Court, following which the Court will issue new deadlines for the parties to submit Initial Disclosures pursuant to FRCP 26(a)(1) and their Joint Status Report and Discovery Plan as required by FRCP 26(f).

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1 e. The parties respectfully request that the Court enter the subjoined order containing 2 the terms of the stay. 3 I certify that this memorandum contains 335 words, in compliance with the Local Civil 4 Rules. 5 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 17th day of January, 2024. 6 7 **RUIZ & SMART LLP** 8 9 By: s/Kathryn Knudsen Isaac Ruiz, WSBA #35237 10 iruiz@ruizandsmart.com Kathryn Knudsen, WSBA #41075 11 kknudsen@ruizandsmart.com Denise Chen, WSBA #59906 12 dchen@ruizandsmart.com 13 Counsel for Plaintiff 14 ROPERS MAJESKI PC 15 16 17 By:s/Joanne Blackburn Joanne T. Blackburn, WSBA No 21541 18 Natalia Smirnova, WSBA No. 55110 1420 5<sup>th</sup> Ave #2200 19 Seattle, WA 98101 Joanne.blackburn@ropers.com 20 Natalia.smirnova@ropers.com 21 Counsel for Defendants 22 23 24 25

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ORDER

Based on the foregoing stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED that this case is STAYED until April 17, 2024. Either party may move the Court to terminate the stay upon 14 days' written notice to the other party. The previous Initial Disclosure and Joint Status Report and Discovery Plan deadlines are STRICKEN. On or before April 17, 2024, the parties are DIRECTED to file a status report with the Court, following which the Court will issue new deadlines for the parties to submit Initial Disclosures pursuant to FRCP 26(a)(1) and their Joint Status Report and Discovery Plan as required by FRCP 26(f).

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 18th day of January, 2024.

Tiffany M. Cartwright United States District Judge

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